



# Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Sean McCaffery, Pastor

December 19, 2021

## Weekend Masses

**Saturday:** 3:00PM  
**Sunday:** 8:30AM, 10:30AM &  
5:00PM In Spanish

## Daily Mass

**Tuesday - Friday:** 8:30AM

## Confessions

**Sat:** 2:00PM & **Wed:** 6:00PM  
& by appointment

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday:** 6:00-7:00PM

**Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8AM-3PM**

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School Office	763-5837
Religious Education	761-1608
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# Fourth Sunday of *Advent*

December 19, 2021

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
“Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42



## PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be **closed on Friday, December 24**. Have a safe and Blessed Christmas.

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Religious give thanks. “ ‘Thank you’ hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,” say a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week’s second collection.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

As we draw close to the great Feast of the Nativity, we hear the bold stewardship proclamation twice in today’s second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: “Behold, I come to do your will, O God!” Who is this Jesus? Who are we that A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT we should follow him? Many want him as a friend, a guide, a king, an advocate. We long to see the face of God. Jesus reveals the nature of God, the servant sent to give us new life in Him. Take time to ponder: Do we have the courage to follow Jesus? To show others the face of God? To say to the Lord: “Behold, I come to do your will?”

Al acercarnos a la Fiesta de la Natividad, escuchamos dos veces la audaz proclamación de corresponsabilidad en la segunda lectura de hoy de la Carta a los Hebreos: “¡He aquí, que vengo a hacer tu voluntad, Oh Dios!” ¿Quién es este Jesús? ¿Quiénes somos nosotros que debemos seguirle? UN MOMENTO DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD Muchos le quieren como un amigo, un guía, un rey, un abogado. Nosotros anhelamos ver el rostro de Dios. Jesús revela la naturaleza de Dios, el siervo enviado para darnos nueva vida en Él. Tome tiempo para meditar: ¿tenemos el valor de seguir a Jesús? ¿Tenemos el valor de mostrar a otros el rostro de Dios? ¿Estamos dispuestos a decir, “he aquí, que vengo a hacer tu voluntad, Señor?”

## SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers are invited to sign up for the 2:30pm, 4:30pm and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Please help beautify our church at Christmas by making a contribution for Christmas flowers. You may honor your family or remember deceased family members with your Christmas flower offering. Please use the designated envelope in your December packet and clearly print any names on the front. You may place your flower offering in the regular collection at Mass any time during the month of December.



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As we come to celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior let us open our hearts to the power of God's Love! May the shepherds be our guides to a Manger that in its poverty and simplicity speaks so eloquently of God's wisdom and beautiful love. As Mary and Joseph looked and found no room at the inn, let us open our hearts and our homes for Christ to find refuge and dwell secure. Let us humbly follow the shepherds to the manger of pure grace that seeks to fill us with abiding peace and joy this Christmas season.

*And the angel said to them, 'Be not afraid; for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord'. Luke 2:9*

May we be the light and love of Christ for one another....

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

*Fr. Sean McCaffery*

Fr. Sean McCaffery



## GIVING TREE

Gift tags for the Giving tree will be available the weekend of **November 27/28**. Join in the St. Regis tradition of giving! Help bring hope and joy to those in need this Christmas by taking a tag off the Giving Tree. The gifts should be wrapped. Please attach the tag on the outside of the gift. Return the gifts by Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

This year we will again collect full size toiletry items for men and women: **lotion, bar soap, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant**. There will be gift boxes by the Giving Tree for donated items. The residents at the Carroll Park Care Facility are always so appreciative of the Christmas gifts. Thanks for your continued generosity.

—Social Service Ministry Council



## ONLINE GIVING TEXT-TO-GIVE

Another easy way to manage your church giving is with our new Text-to-Give function that is fully integrated with our Online Giving. You can text an amount to 816-339-8195, and your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with the phone number. If your phone number is not recognized, you can associate your number with an existing account or create an account.

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Month 4: Well, I now weigh six ounces and mom can feel my movements. I have fingernails, eyelashes, and my own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same for the rest of my life. My taste buds are working and my sense of hearing is developing. I have soft hair all over my body. I can touch my hand to my face and grasp my feet. Basically, there will be no major new developments from here on. I just need nourishment, protection and love....and prayers.



"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." Mother Teresa

## BLESSING BAGS

Our parish is collecting and distributing "blessing bags" again this year to help people who may be homeless or in need of some basic support items as our weather turns colder. In addition to coats and other items, our collection includes non-perishable food items and warm weather items. Donations can be dropped off in the bins in the hallway across from the restrooms throughout December. We have completed blessing bags in the back of Mary's room. If you can help distribute where they are most needed as you travel the city and during your Christmas travels, please take some with you. We are including the following in the bags: masks, snacks (protein and sweets), toothbrush, toothpaste, small soap, hats, gloves, socks, lip balm, lotion, hand and foot warmers, rosary and 1 gallon zip-lock bags.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Vision**

By the Grace of God, St. Regis Academy seeks to be a locally recognized leader in graduating young men and women who are spiritually and academically prepared for a lifetime of discipleship.

### **Mission**

St. Regis Academy in partnership with parents, as the primary educators of their children, seeks to provide a Catholic Classical Liberal Arts Education centered on Christ. We seek to cultivate an environment that fosters a student's natural desire for Truth, Beauty, and Goodness. St. Regis Academy prepares students to think critically, reason logically, articulate clearly, and engage others persuasively. Our enrollment includes racial, ethnic, and economic diversity within the Body of Christ, providing a wealth of opportunity for students to grow in virtue by pursuing spiritual, emotional, and academic excellence.

## ST. REGIS ACADEMY 7TH (ALMOST) ANNUAL

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WEDS. DEC. 22ND

12 PM - 9 PM TO-GO

4 PM - 9 PM DINE AND DRINK IN

120 E GREGORY BLVD, KANSAS CITY, MO 64114

## ITA MAURA SCHOLARSHIPS

"The CIS Scholarship Program has benefited me in my studies since I'm an economically disadvantaged person and I wasn't able to afford my studies. Through the help I'm given I'm studying in high school. I'm a mother of two children. When I finish my high school education I want to work hard so that I can have the financial solvency to help my children pursue an education."

*Alba Filomena Leiva (35), General High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> year.*

The program has brought a lot of support for my community since young people only made it to ninth grade and then abandoned their dreams of going further in their education. When I graduate from high school, I want to pursue an agronomical engineering career. Since I was a child I was interested in plants, trees and nature in general." *Ronal Gamaliel Hernández Prez (16), General High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> year.*

St. Regis Endowment Fund, through CIS (Center for Exchange and Solidarity Scholarship Program), currently provides scholarships for six High School and four University students. \$5500 is the amount needed for our Endowment Fund this coming school year that starts in January. You'll find an Ita Maura envelope in your monthly envelope packet or you can give online. To give online, from the FUNDS menu, select "Ita Maura Sister Community Scholarship Fund."

Currently, the parish has contributed \$1551. Please consider an Ita Maura Endowment Fund donation to help our students in their pursuit of Higher Education. Thanks for your generosity and prayers!

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

The Liturgical Minister Schedule for **January and February** has been emailed out to Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers and Greeters. A hard copy of the schedule is available on the table in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions about the schedule, please call Colleen in the Parish Office. If you have a conflict with a particular weekend you are scheduled for a ministry, we ask that you please find a substitute. Thank you for serving our parish through these ministries.

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

The Staff of St. Regis would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your kindness and support throughout the year.

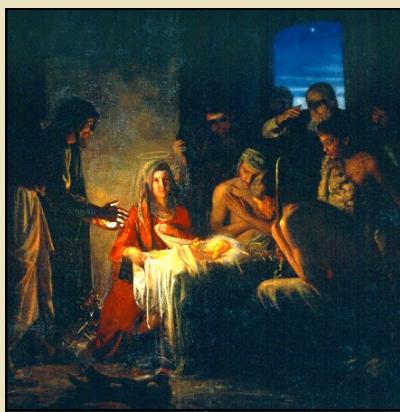
May you and your loved ones know the blessing of faith and be filled with the love of Christ at Christmas and throughout the New Year!

Fr. Sean McCaffery  
Deacon Ken Albers  
Roger Cashman  
Colleen Melchior  
Kyle Sellnow

Fr. Emmanuel Lopez  
Deacon Robert Falke  
Robin Fisher  
Maeghan Miller  
Rachael Serna

Deacon Sam Adam  
Diane Banks  
Esmeralda Lopez  
Marilyn Moore  
Chelsea Wilton

## Christmas Schedule



Christmas Eve Masses  
Friday, December 24 -  
2:30pm (2:10pm Music Prelude)  
4:30pm (4:10pm Music Prelude)  
9:30pm in Spanish  
Midnight (11:40pm Music Prelude)

Christmas Morning Mass  
Saturday, December 25 - 10:30am

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse: Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18); Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and after reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**Please Remember In Your Prayers:** Susan Nealy, Jack Mitchell, John Hernandez, David Berg, Fran & Dennis Wadle, Rose Marie Larson, Dean Starr, Aidan Jones, Kathy Ness, Joanne Whitehurst, Helen & Patrick Sheehan, Jessica Berger, Adelia Spann, Jack Gress, Denise Kopek, Margie Strobl, Dolores Dick, Kathy Morehouse, McCartney Weist, Larry Hayden, Ray McMichael, Dennis Reilly, Homer Radford, Siggy Koop, Teresa Foster, Joseph Gregory, Margaret Kelly, Gregory Richard, Bob Harvey, Jackie Jackson, Ardith Fetterolf, Maria Rose Brown, Phil Hoffman, Kristen Brown, Ethel Felder, Coletta Merrigan, Budemeyer Family, Pat Romero, Janet Helms, Mary Hunter, Chris & Sarah Teeffey, Babette Lathrop, Shelly Clemons, Pauline Umphenauer, Genevieve Thieme, Pat Filley, Bill Massop, Maximo Rivera, Dallas Schilizer, Lupita Sharkey, Larry & Brenda Grant, Wendy McKellar, Diane Greene, Jerry Stanford, Milton Bryant, Kale Van Pelt, Rose Brown, Bridget Kopek, Mike Reilly, Susan England, Brian Pattee, Suzy Hanger, Jennifer Allee, Carole McCaffery, Jan Hillyer, Georgine Hartigan, Bob Hoffman, Maria Brown, Anna Barber, Anita Hampton, Bill Esser, Tina Banks, Leonard & Yvonne Duerr, Teresa King, JR Lillig, Ralph Ford, Deanna Hodson, Michael Wertz, Gary Walker, Jack Lankford, Carol Christian, John Minton, Rosemary Shoemaker, Ben Rosenblum, Patricia Haselhorst, Sandra Gale, Lynda Walker, Sam Soulis, Pat Gallagher, Mike Gallagher, Richard Rademacher, Steve Temple, Maria Vasquez Boyd, Dick Schroer, Lou & Terrie Ramsey, Vickie Young, Carrie Siegmund, Georgiana Smith, Gabriel Reyes and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

**Liturgical Roles**

December 26

**Lectors**

3:00pm No Mass  
 8:30am Sherry Falke & Pat Hanson  
 10:30am Theresa Van Pelt & Terry Colomboatto  
 3:00pm

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

3:00pm No Mass  
 8:30am Sherry Falke, Jacob Duerr, Pat Hanson  
 Janet Helms  
 10:30am Don Wolff, Kathy Wolff, Theresa Van Pelt  
 Prisca Tizimbune

**Servers**

3:00pm No Mass  
 8:30am Clara Stribling & Jessica Loulos  
 10:30am Rita Godoy & Mitchell Lickteig

**Greeters**

3:00pm No Mass  
 8:30am Jane Marzano & Rick Kraus  
 10:30am Mary Lou Glasbrenner & Ken Glasbrenner

**Mass Intentions****Tuesday, December 21**

†Megan Wood

**Wednesday, December 22**

†Arch Beers by Rick &amp; Terri Martin

**Thursday, December 23**

†Gene Helling by Milt Bryant

**Friday, December 24**

2:30pm †Msgr. William Blacet

4:30pm †Vera Gross

9:30pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish  
 Midnight Mildred Zuptich by the Glasbrenner Family**Saturday, December 25**

10:30am †Daisy Sadecki by Theresa Van Pelt

**Sunday, December 26**8:30am †Vince & Betsy Marzano  
 by Tim Carrigan & Jane Marzano10:30am †Bill & Dorothy Glasbrenner  
 by the Glasbrenner Family  
 5:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

**IN REMEMBRANCE-DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

Name		Age	Date of Death
Mary	Rodgers	58	12/21 1964
Damian P.	Wooch	77	12/21 1998
Angelo	DeSimone	84	12/21 2011
Walter	Keeter	41	12/23 1977
Joann	Dodds	56	12/23 1983
Rod	Meier	83	12/23 2009
William (Bill)	Bink	63	12/24 1998
Inez	Heinrich	90	12/24 1997
Gary Edward	Carter	57	12/24 2000
Margie	Sipes	70	12/24 2012
Frank	DeMayo	55	12/25 1969
Lena	Mistretta	87	12/25 1980

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

The deadline to put announcements in the bulletin is 8am on Tuesday prior to the following Sunday. Send announcements to cmelchior@regischurch.org

### EUCARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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every Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm.



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**Schedule of Events****Sunday, December 19**

8:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass/Children's Liturgy  
5:00pm Mass/Spanish  
Food Collection  
Giving Tree Gifts Due

**Monday, December 20**

Soup Kitchen  
Meatloaf Monday  
12:00pm Spanish Bible Class  
7:00pm Spanish Bible Class  
7:00pm Bible Study

**Tuesday, December 21**

8:30am Mass  
6:30pm Rosary  
7:00pm Spanish Bible Class  
7:00pm Praise Team Practice  
7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way

**Wednesday, December 22**

8:30am Mass  
10:00am Spanish Bible Class  
6:00pm Adoration & Confessions  
6:00pm Spanish Bible Class/Teens  
7:00pm Spanish Bible Study  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Officers  
7:30pm Spanish Bible Class/Young Adults  
No School

**Thursday, December 23**

8:30am Mass  
9:00am Scripture Study  
6:30pm RCIA  
7:00pm Boy Scouts  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm Spanish Bible Class  
No School

**Friday, December 24**

Christmas Eve  
2:30pm Mass  
4:30pm Mass  
9:30pm Mass/Spanish  
Midnight Mass  
Parish Office Closed  
No School

**Saturday, December 25**

Christmas Day  
10:30am Mass  
**NO 3pm MASS**

**Sunday, December 26**

8:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass  
5:00pm Mass/Spanish

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**December 19, 2021**

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